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Commercial Real Estate Post Pandemic



Traditionally, commercial office as an industry has been a sleeping giant in the gross national product, at least when it came to people's awareness of it.

204,406,193,008 Contribution to the GDP

# Four Stages of the Pandemic

### **Stage One:**

- Tenants and property managers scrambling to make practical sense of quarantines and lockdowns.
- Conversations revolved largely around hastily constructed work-from-home (WFH) protocols and the placement of plexiglass and hand sanitizer stations.

### **Stage Two:**

 the office space industry normalized under new—but often changing—rules of engagement as we grew accustomed to wearing masks and adjusted (at least somewhat) to working mostly in solitude.

### **Stage Three:**

- Decision-makers at the tenant level are at least planning for a return to work, albeit in fits and starts and in numbers still greatly reduced from the days of full occupancy.
- property managers stand at the ready to support that return.
- vaccines more widely available, which would bode well for occupancies, but cases of the virus remain high in many markets

# Four Stages of the Pandemic

### **Stage Four:**

- How will the office of the mid-term future look both in physical appearance and in the protocols that will ensure tenant confidence?
- More importantly, how will decision-makers at both the tenant and property levels adjust to new definitions of how their businesses operate?
- Will they recognize, embrace and instill throughout their organizations the new-age culture that such dramatic changes in layout and operations will bring?
- What about employee rebellion at the call to return?
- Reality of requiring vaccinations.

# Buildings never closed

# Cleaning costs

Day Porter

**COVID Clean** 

# **Energy Usage**

Rents

# Expectations

Communications

In-Limbo

Rents

Supports the physical, psychological, and social health and well-being of people in buildings and the built environment. Buildings can be key promoters of health and well-being since most people spend a majority of their time indoors.

# Leasing

Rent

CAM

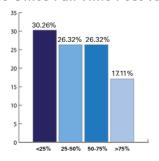
Costs for transition to WFH

# Conomics

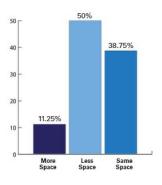


### **Taking Stock of Post Pandemic Planning**

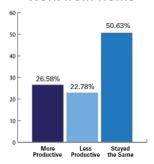
% of Employees Who Want to Return to the Office Full Time Post Vaccine



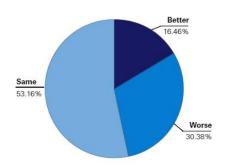
Changes to the Space Companies Occupy



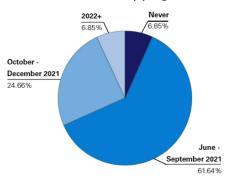
Productivity During Work from Home



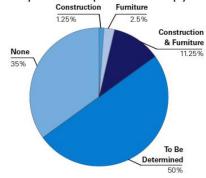
Company's Culture Since March 2020



Timeline for Reoccupying the Office

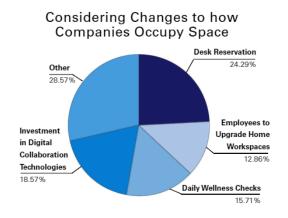


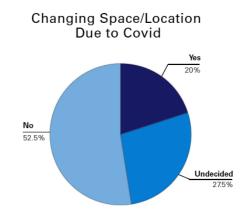
Planning Major Reconfiguration to the Space Companies Occupy

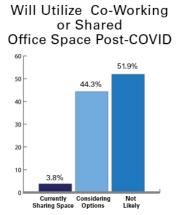




### **Taking Stock of Post Pandemic Planning**







Office space no longer stops at the office. Leaders must consider how to equip all workers with the tools they need to contribute — whether they're working from home, the manufacturing floor, in the office, or on the go. Physical office space must be compelling enough to entice workers to commute in, and include a mix of collaboration and focus areas. Meeting rooms and team culture will need to evolve to ensure all voices are heard.

## Three Cs

WFH: Fatigue v. New Normal

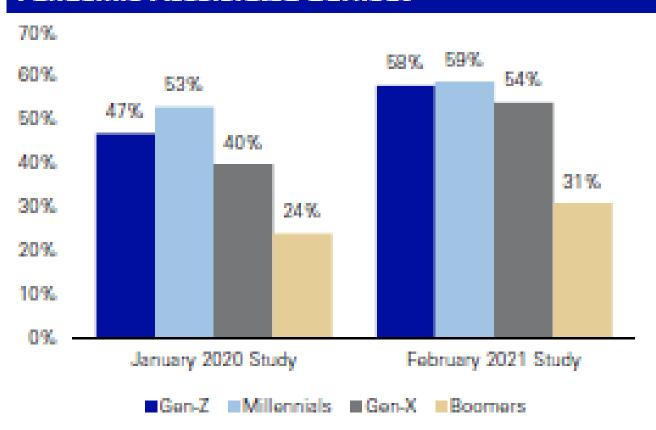
Hybrid Workplace

Post-COVID Stress
Disorder & "re-entry anxiety"

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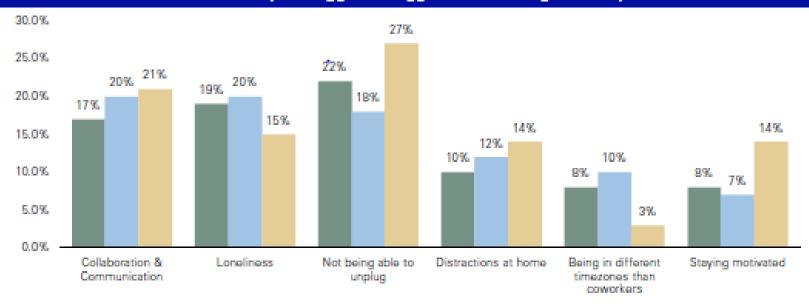
## Pandemic-Accelerated Burnout



Source: Newmark Research; Indeed



### Buffer State of Remote Work Polling: 2019 to 2021 "What's your biggest struggle with working remotely?"

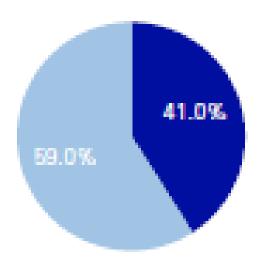


Source: Newmark Research; Hervard Business School

**■2019 ■2020 ■2021** 



## Polling: Employees Considering Leaving...



- Employees considering leaving their current employer.
- Employees content in their current position

Source: Newmark Research; Microsoft 2021 Work Trends Index

- Interest Rates to remain low.
- Major cities will continue to see population decline. Businesses will face the inequality that is all around us.
- Affordable housing remains an issue.
- Environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) investing steps into the spotlight.

# MARKET outlook

(Forbes)

- Secondary markets targeted for investments than primary markets.
- Industrial and Multifamily will be aggressive
- Investors expanding types of properties in which to invest.
- Tolerance growing 30% looking at distressed properties.

MARKET outlook

(Forbes)

- Tenant has negotiation power
- Release of Tenant Space. (Forbes)
- The trend continues to have more remote workers and smaller offices with less common areas.
- Older properties will be difficult to lease. (Cobiz)

# MARKET office

- Medical Office remains stable
- Non-hospital dependent physician groups moving to off-campus settings
- Mental and Behavioral Health services are in extremely high demand
- Investors and Developers are looking for MOB opportunities

# MARKET medical office (mob)

## Legislative Headwinds: House Bill 21-1232



| Benefits   | Concerns   |
|--|--|
| Lower private insurance premium rates increasing access to care for certain populations in the state:  • Lower income • Uninsured • Rural populations. | <ul> <li>Economic impacts to healthcare providers:</li> <li>Reduction in services provided</li> <li>Reduction in employee salaries</li> <li>Select facility closure</li> </ul> |

## What to expect for MOB owners:

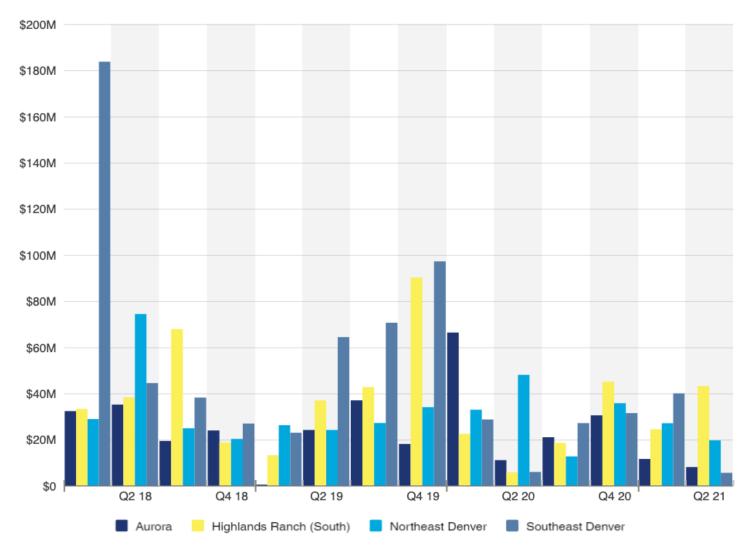
- Compressed lease rates
- Increased tenant improvement requests
- Increase in vacancy; especially for landlords that own oncampus MOBs

- Distressed sales will increase toward the end of the year, but not comparable to the Great Recession. (Forbes)
- Coronavirus has only exasperated the online pain for brick and mortar.
- In 2021 redeveloping some of the older retail.
- Class A retail in great areas will do okay (think Cherry Creek or Main street in Steamboat Springs, Breckenridge, etc.)( Cobiz)

# MARKET Retail

### Sales Volume



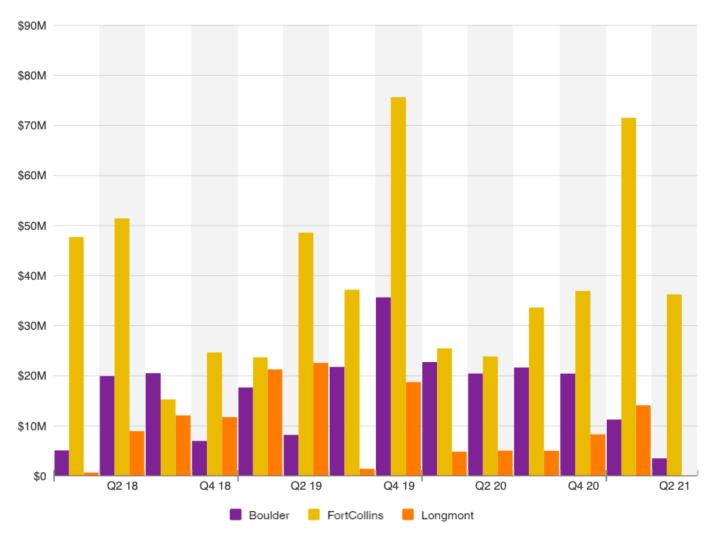




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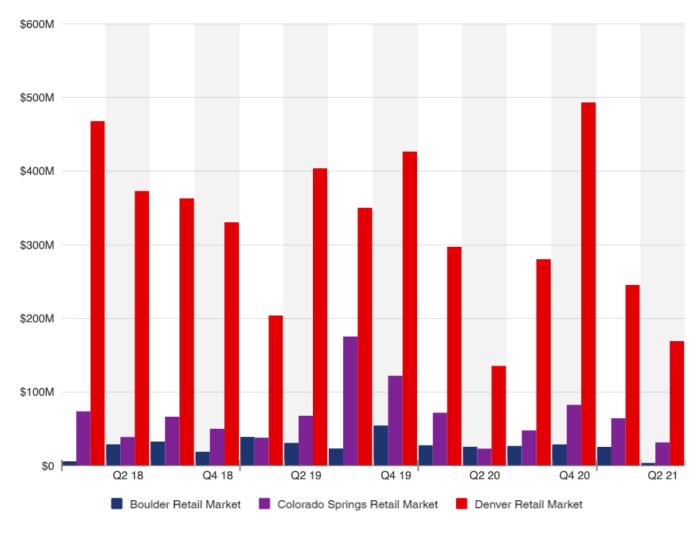




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### Sales Volume







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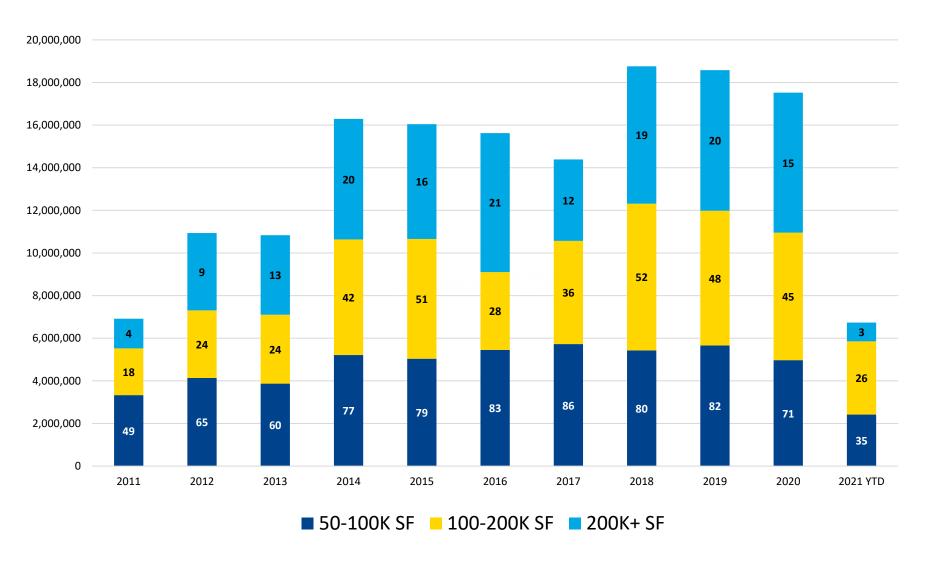
- As retail, hotel and office prices decline between 5% and 10%, industrial to remain very strong. (Forbes)
- 2020 should have seen a correction in the industrial sector due to the cannabis industry.
- High end space A/B will continue to be in high demand
- Industrial and light industrial as the bright spot in commercial real estate. (Cobiz)

# MARKET industrial

- Industrial cap rates continue to compress below 4.00% for class A product
- Amazon, Denver's largest occupier continues to take more space (over 5 million sf)
- Construction costs and real estate taxes are the most significant challenges investors/developers are faced with
- Industrial remains the favorite asset class
- Food and beverage users are an immerging sector

# MARKET industrial





# MARKET issues

Limited Growth

Green Tsunami

Homelessness

**Taxes** 

Public Safety / Crime



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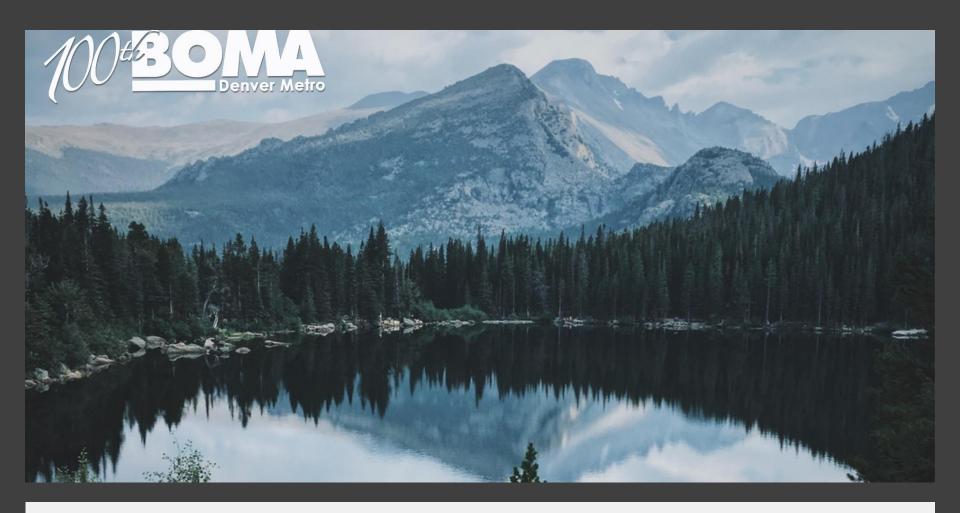




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